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Note verbale dated 2 July 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to inform him of the decision of the Government of the Republic of Latvia to request membership on the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Republic of Latvia has always been fully committed to the aims of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Republic of Latvia is a State party to both the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951 and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967. The Republic of Latvia also participates as an observer at the meetings of the Standing Committee.

The Republic of Latvia is an active supporter of the mission and the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees all over the world, and it is dedicated to improving the situation of refugees through national, regional and international action. The Government of the Republic of Latvia therefore believes that its membership on the Executive Committee would contribute to strengthening the efforts of the international community in improving the situation of refugees.

The Government of the Republic of Latvia hopes that the Economic and Social Council will give favourable consideration to the present request and recommend that the General Assembly enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations would be grateful if this request could be circulated to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration during the substantive session of 2013.

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